

REMARKS

Claims 24-46 were previously pending in this patent application. Claims 24-46 stand rejected. Herein, Claims 24, 34, and 39 have been canceled. Claims 25-33, 35-38, 40, 42, and 43 have been amended. New Claims 47-49 have been added. Accordingly, after this Amendment and Response, Claims 25-33, 35-38, and 40-49 remain pending in this patent application. Further examination and reconsideration in view of the claims, remarks, and arguments set forth below is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) Rejections

Claims 24-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rodriguez, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0168178 (hereafter Rodriguez), in view of Marsh, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0001081 (hereafter Marsh), in view of Potrebic, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0073613 (hereafter Potrebic), and further in view of Ahn, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0030755 (hereafter Ahn). Since Independent Claims 24, 34, and 39 have been canceled, these rejections are now moot.

Dependent Claims 25-33 now depend from Independent Claim 47. Dependent Claims 35-38 now depend from Independent Claim 48. Dependent Claims 40-46 now depend from Independent Claim 49. The combination of Rodriguez, Marsh, Potrebic, and Ahn does not disclose all the claim limitations of

new Independent Claims 47-49. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Independent Claims 47-49 are patentable over the combination of Rodriguez, Marsh, Potrebic, and Ahn and are in condition for allowance.

Dependent Claims 25-33, 35-38, and 40-46 are dependent on one of allowable Independent Claim 47-49, which are allowable over the combination of Rodriguez, Marsh, Potrebic, and Ahn. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that Dependent Claims 25-33, 35-38, and 40-46 are patentable over the combination of Rodriguez, Marsh, Potrebic, and Ahn for the reasons discussed above.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the above claims, arguments and remarks overcome all rejections. All remaining claims (Claims 25-33, 35-38, and 40-49) are neither anticipated nor obvious in view of the cited references. For at least the above-presented reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all remaining claims (Claims 25-33, 35-38, and 40-49) are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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